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EXCERPTS FROM STATE HOME MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS' LETTERS

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Delaware. Louise R. Whitcomb has this comment to make on the new circular from Delaware entitled "Three Girls Who Are on the Right Road," which is included in the Home Management "Send-For" List: "The story of the spending of these 4-H Club girls has been put into the hands of other club leaders. The material is well suited, I think, to a club discussion for both boys and girls."

Miss Whitcomb also reports, "A series of 16 broadcasts over WDEL on the care of equipment has just been concluded. We are hoping to have a similar series in the winter on the use of time."

Illinois. Gladys Ward writes as follows concerning the Illinois home safety program. "The 'Safe Home' program (See "Send-For" list for literature) is being sponsored by our Extension Service, Illinois Home Bureau Federation, and the National Safety Council.

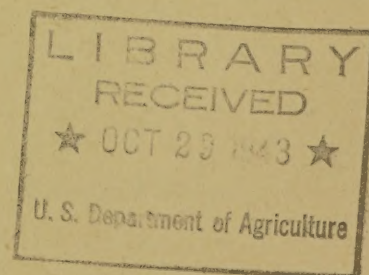
"In connection with this project, about two thirds of the counties in the State are carrying on with it, including three counties with no home bureau organization. We are hoping very much that the number and severity of home accidents will be rapidly reduced as a result of this program."

Kansas. Vera Ellithorpe asks the following questions regarding training leaders in fire-prevention work. (If you have any details to send her, please send them.)

"Are any of the other home-management specialists training leaders in fire-prevention work? If they are, I should appreciate knowing how the information is being presented. This year for the first time one of the counties requested a unit of work on fire prevention and now some of the other counties are beginning to be interested. The enclosed list of discussion questions was used in the lesson (see "Send-For" list). These were keyed to 'Safe-guarding the Farm Against Fire', a publication of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, which was used as a reference. The information on fire extinguishers was included, for although they are not now generally available, many families own them and should know their uses and limitations. A member of the local fire department talked to the group. We also 'fireproofed' fabrics. The leaders planned to use this material in both unit and community meetings.

"Since this is a new venture, I am very eager to find out what is done with the material in the communities and how much of this information is really put into effect."

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Oklahoma. Bonnie Goodman, home management specialist, reports on recent work: "Have been out the past 3 days with Janet Dublon, War Production Board interviewer, from Washington, D. C., making studies in various parts of the State on shortages of consumer goods that farm families consider absolutely necessary and are not able to buy. We also visited merchants to find what they were unable to buy and what repair parts they could or could not buy. Was quite interesting.

"I plan to give a demonstration for the first time on correct washing and care of pressure cookers. I have held sewing-machine clinics this year until I am almost a mechanic. Cleaned and repaired 45 in a 3-day clinic in August.

"All the specialists were sent out on canning and dehydration demonstrations for 5 weeks in May and June. I held 22 demonstrations in 9 counties. Got interested and have canned 175 pints of food for myself--everything from corn to strawberry preserves. I surely enjoy going home in the evening and opening a few cans for a good meal."

South Carolina. Portia Seabrook, home management specialist in South Carolina, writes, "During the home demonstration agent's training school, each specialist had a 2-1/2 hour period with each group of home agents. In that period we had two short demonstrations given--one by me and one by home agents. Illustrative material on loan to the agents was displayed. I had time to go through the 1944 plan of work with these groups, making sure that they understood what was offered. Each agent was given a folder containing the 1944 projects offered, together with subject-matter material.

"I have used the new slidefilm, No. 638, Finding Minutes, very profitably at a Georgetown County meeting. We liked the film very much.

Washington. Esther Pond writes as follows regarding her activities on work simplification. "I am sure you will be interested to know that work simplification and motion and time study are progressing in the State of Washington even more rapidly than I had anticipated. I brought the film f-1-3 from Purdue along with me and showed it to the home economics faculty, both extension and resident. All the extension men were out, so I have not had an opportunity to talk with them. However, I did invite Dr. Buchanan and Dr. Peterson to see the movie, since they have charge of the "pilot" study here on the campus.

"I went over the general principles of motion study and offered to give anyone present a thorough study of the analysis charts. Several people were interested. I also showed the movie to the stenographers in our office, who have shown a great deal of interest in saving time motion since then. The most interesting thing is that Mary Davis, home demonstration agent of Walla Walla County, came up the other day to have help in planning her county program for next year. Together we worked out a fine program on motion study.

"Mary Davis and I will work with all the homemakers' groups in the county for two or three meetings. We will set up at least one result demonstration in every community, and expect to have every woman who takes part in this subject doing small projects of her own. I think we have our "J.M.T." course going in fine style. We plan to call it Motion and Time Study of Household Tasks."

"In October, motion and time study will be the featured part of the Eastern Washington Home Economics Association meeting. This will tend to get a good many high-school teachers interested in the subject."

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